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115TH CONGRESS
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To require the Secretary of Energy to establish an energy efficiency materials
pilot program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CARTWRIGHT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

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efficiency materials pilot program.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. ENERGY EFFICIENCY MATERIALS PILOT PRO-**
4 **GRAM.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) APPLICANT.—The term “applicant” means
7 a nonprofit organization that applies for a grant
8 under this section.

9 (2) ENERGY-EFFICIENCY MATERIAL.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “energy-effi-
2 ciency material” means a material (including a
3 product, equipment, or system) the installation
4 of which results in a reduction in use by a non-
5 profit organization of energy or fuel.

6 (B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “energy-effi-
7 ciency material” includes—

8 (i) a roof or lighting system or compo-
9 nent of the system;

10 (ii) a window;

11 (iii) a door, including a security door;

12 (iv) a heating, ventilation, or air con-
13 ditioning system or component of the sys-
14 tem (including insulation and wiring and
15 plumbing improvements needed to serve a
16 more efficient system); and

17 (v) a renewable energy generation or
18 heating system, including a solar, photo-
19 voltaic, wind, geothermal, or biomass (in-
20 cluding wood pellet) system or component
21 of the system.

22 (3) NONPROFIT BUILDING.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “nonprofit
24 building” means a building operated and owned
25 by an organization that is described in section

1 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
2 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of
3 such Code.

4 (B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “nonprofit
5 building” includes a building described in sub-
6 paragraph (A) that is—

- 7 (i) a hospital;
8 (ii) a youth center;
9 (iii) a school;
10 (iv) a social-welfare program facility;
11 (v) a faith-based organization; or
12 (vi) any other nonresidential and non-
13 commercial structure.

14 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
15 the Secretary of Energy.

16 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year after
17 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall es-
18 tablish a pilot program to award grants for the purpose
19 of providing nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency ma-
20 terials.

21 (c) GRANTS.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may award
23 grants under the program established under sub-
24 section (b).

1 (2) APPLICATION.—The Secretary may award a
2 grant under paragraph (1) if an applicant submits
3 to the Secretary an application at such time, in such
4 form, and containing such information as the Sec-
5 retary may prescribe.

6 (3) CRITERIA FOR GRANT.—In determining
7 whether to award a grant under paragraph (1), the
8 Secretary shall apply performance-based criteria,
9 which shall give priority to applicants based on—

10 (A) the energy savings achieved;

11 (B) the cost-effectiveness of the use of en-
12 ergy-efficiency materials;

13 (C) an effective plan for evaluation, meas-
14 urement, and verification of energy savings; and

15 (D) the financial need of the applicant.

16 (4) LIMITATION ON INDIVIDUAL GRANT
17 AMOUNT.—Each grant awarded under this section
18 shall not exceed \$200,000.

19 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
20 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
21 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2018 through 2022,
22 to remain available until expended.

23 (e) OFFSET.—Section 422(f) of the Energy Inde-
24 pendence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17082(f))
25 is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “and” at the
2 end;

3 (2) in paragraph (4), by striking “2018.” and
4 inserting “2017; and”; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(5) \$150,000,000 for fiscal year 2018.”.